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In re Application of: Fulvio (nmi) Arecco, et al.
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Examiner: David S. Kim
Title: AUTOPROTECTED OPTICAL COMMUNICATION
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments and comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.